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COMPLETED OFFICIAL PROGRAMME FOR WORLD'S FAIR DEDICATION.

Ex-Senator Thomas M. Carter, chairman of the National Committee of the World's Fair, signed the official programme for the dedication exercises of the Fair last night and gave it out for publication throughout the country.

The ceremonies commence on Centennial Day, April 30, and continue through three days, ending on the evening of Saturday, May 2. Major General Henry C. Corbin of the United States Army is grand marshal. On each of the three days a member of the National Commission will act as President of the day; Thomas M. Carter on the first, John M. Thurston on the second and William Lindsay on the third.

The programme in detail follows:

GRAND MARSHAL, MAJOR GENERAL H. C. CORBIN, UNITED STATES ARMY.

At 10 o'clock a. m. the freedom of the city will be tendered to the President of the United States by the Mayor of St. Louis. The military parade, composed of United States troops and the National Guard, will be assembled under the direction of the grand marshal, and will move from the junction of Grand and Lindell boulevards promptly at 11:30 o'clock, preceded by the President of the United States and official guests in carriages, through Forest Park to the Exposition grounds, where the presidential salute will be fired, and the parade will be reviewed by the President of the United States.

At 12:30 p. m. a grand band concert will commence; the doors of the Liberal Arts building will be opened and the audience will be seated under direction of the guards and ushers.

At 2 o'clock the assembly will be called to order by David R. Francis, president of the Exposition Company. The ceremonies will be as follows:

First—Invocation by His Eminence, James Cardinal Gibbons.

Second—Introduction of Thomas H. Carter of the National Commission, president of the day.

Third—Grand chorus: "The Heavens Proclaiming."

Fourth—Presentation of the buildings by David R. Francis, president of the Exposition Company.

Fifth—Dedication address by the President of the United States.

Sixth—Chorus: "Unfold, Ye Portals."

Seventh—Address by Governor Cleveland.

Eighth—"America," with full chorus and band accompaniment.

Ninth—Prayer, by Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

Tenth—Dedication, by the Right Reverend Henry C. Potter.

Eleventh—Centennial salute of 100 guns.

At 4 o'clock a grand pyrotechnic display will take place.

SECOND DAY—MAY 1, 1903.

At 10:30 a. m. the members of the Diplomatic Corps, the representatives of foreign Governments, the President of the Exposition and other official guests will assemble at the St. Louis Club, and will thence proceed to the Exposition grounds, where the parade will be reviewed by the President of the United States.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the assembly will be called to order by David R. Francis, president of the Exposition Company. The ceremonies will be as follows:

First—Invocation by the Reverend Carl Swensson.

Second—Introduction of John M. Thurston of the National Commission, president of the day.

Third—Address to the representatives of foreign Governments from the Universal Exposition of 1904, by David R. Francis, president of the Exposition Company.

Fourth—Music.

Fifth—Address by the French Ambassador.

Sixth—Address by the Spanish Minister.

Seventh—Address by the Spanish Minister.

Eighth—Music.

Ninth—Benediction by the Reverend Samuel J. Harner.

Tenth—Centennial salute of 100 guns.

A grand pyrotechnic display will commence at the conclusion of the exercises in the building and continue during the afternoon and evening.

THIRD DAY—MAY 2, 1903.

The civic parade will assemble at 10:30 a. m. under direction of Colonel Eugene J. Spencer, grand marshal of the day, and move from the junction of Grand and Lindell boulevards through Forest Park to the Exposition grounds, where the parade will be reviewed by the President of the United States.

At 11:30 a. m. the audience will assemble in the Liberal Arts building and will be called to order by William H. Thompson, chairman of the National Commission. The ceremonies will be as follows:

First—Invocation by the Reverend William H. Harner.

Second—Introduction of ex-Senator William Lindsay of the National Commission, president of the day.

Third—Music.

Fourth—Address of welcome by A. M. Dockery, Governor of Missouri.

Fifth—Response by Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., Governor of New York.

Sixth—Grand chorus.

Seventh—Benediction by Rabbi Leon Harrison.

Eighth—Centennial salute of 100 guns.

A grand display of daylight fireworks will commence at the conclusion of the exercises in the building.

Immediately after the close of the ceremonies the Governors will proceed to the building site selected for their respective States, where corner stones will be laid, and the colors will be raised with appropriate exercises.

The Board of Lady Managers of the Exposition will be conducted by military escort in advance of the parade each day to the reviewing stand. They will be accompanied by the wives of the members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of the Supreme Court of the United States, members of the Cabinet, members of the joint committee of Congress, the Admiral of the Navy, the Lieutenant General of the Army, the Grand Marshal, the Governors of the States, the official clergymen and members of the National Commission.

The formation and conduct of the parades and escorts on each day will be announced by special orders of the Grand Marshal, General Henry C. Corbin.

Receptions by the Board of Lady Managers will be announced by its President.

PYROTECHNIC DISPLAYS.

The pyrotechnic displays will be under the direct supervision of Henry J. Fair, in charge of beauty and cost for the day. The displays will be in the history of modern fireworks. Numerous artistic devices have been arranged, portraying events and persons connected with the Louisiana Purchase and the World's Fair.

A lavish display of colored daylight fireworks will take place on May 2 at 10:30 p. m. Some of the features of this are: Flight of 2,000 toy balloons; batteries of aerial rockets; ascent of giant's comic balloons; discharge of shells emitting small American flags; flight of 5,000 special balloons bearing emblems of the World's Fair, and a gigantic inflated paper elephant.

TALES OF SUFFERING COME FROM COUNTRY DEVASTATED BY FLOOD

Greenville Situation Is Little Changed Except That Water Is Rising Hourly in the City.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Greenville, Miss., March 29.—The correspondence of The Republic made a trip in person to the Lagrange crevasse to-day. On the levee from Greenville to the crevasse, 1,000 negroes from the farms adjacent to the break are finding temporary homes, without shelter.

The crevasse itself, now 1,300 feet wide and gradually growing in width, is an attractive scene, with the leaping waves rolling one after another in ceaseless motion. But the beauty of the scene is marred by the destruction further out, where the cabins of the farm hands, the fence and the barns, and even the trees in the direct current, have been swept by the waves like chaff before the winds.

It is remarkable that no lives have been lost, but the stories of narrow escapes told by the occupants of the plantations now inundated are often graphic.

THRILLING STORIES OF NARROW ESCAPES.

Alexander English, his wife and child, lived in a cabin directly in front of the crevasse. English told how he and some forty other laborers were at work on the levee filling sacks with dirt and placing them where the sloughing was worse, when "all at once," said English, "the sacks were washed from their place, the waters rushed through, the top of the levee fell in and a rushing torrent of water, roaring and hissing, came through the crevasse and we all fled for our lives."

"I started at once for my cabin and, taking my little girl on my shoulders and my wife by the hand, we made our way over waist-deep in the water to the levee on the upper side of the break and, as we sank exhausted at the base of the levee, we saw our cabin swept from its blocks and all our earthly possessions carried away."

"I thanked God for saving our own lives, and here we are living on this levee until the water goes down and we can return to the plantation to rebuild our little home."

There are many similar stories told, and yet if a single human life has been lost the fact is not known.

PROTECTION LEVEE CUT TO GAIN WATERWAY.

A relief corps returned this evening late from the surrounding country, bringing in scores of persons and many head of cattle and stock, the same being cared for by the Levee Board officials.

The country beyond the lake is much lower than the city, and if the levee is cut it will doubtless stop the rise in Greenville and carry much of the water now in the city.

The shutdown of the electric light plant is a serious inconvenience to the people, and the lanterns in skirts may be seen throughout the town in the night.

The flood situation outside of Greenville remains practically unchanged. The waters have covered thousands of acres of the fine delta farms and are sweeping south to Vicksburg. The loss will be heavy, but it is impossible to give anything like a correct estimate of the damage wrought by the flood.

ARNOLIA LEVEE IS IN DANGER.

Natchez, Miss., March 29.—The report that the Arnolia levee, two miles below Vidalia, the parish site of Concordia Parish, La., was in immediate danger of breaking at

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CROWDED STREET CARS AT FAIR SITE FORESHADOW TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM ON DEDICATION DAY.



By a Republic Photographer.

TWO THOUSAND CANDIDATES FOR ROOM IN TWO CARS.

Number of cars each five minutes at one point yesterday, 7. Number of persons to car, 100. Number handled each hour, 8,400.

Prospective service Dedication Day at same point (fifteen cars every five minutes), 18,000 persons an hour. Fifty to car sitting, fifty standing, not counting those on the bumpers and the roof.

With passengers clinging to dashboards and steps, with every available inch of sitting and standing room occupied, the cars at the World's Fair site yesterday partly told the story of what may be expected when half the city's population and visitors from hundreds of miles around flock thither to view the ceremonies on Dedication Day, April 30.

The Transit Company made every effort yesterday to accommodate the thousands who profited by the sunny and bracing weather to view the latest advances in the building of the Fair. John Grant, general superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Davidson and a half dozen of foremen were in the vicinity of the Lindell pavilion loop endeavoring to personally see that the service went smoothly and with dispatch.

No accidents occurred and the cars came and departed rapidly, though occasionally brief delays held a score or more in line.

To the observer, and especially to the passenger, the deficiency was not in the handling of the cars, but in the number of them.

A fairly good observatory for noting the troubles of the Transit Company men and of the St. Louis crowds in meeting the transportation problem was a pile of lumber at Lindell drive and the Bellevue avenue. During a first five minutes visit at this vantage point, seven cars passed, three of the Delmar and four of the Olive line.

The second five-minute space was productive of eight cars, the third of nine and the fourth of five. The average was about seven. The usual seating capacity is fifty. Those standing should average about fifty, making 100 to each car. This would make 700 hundred persons every five minutes, or 8,400 an hour.

Superintendent Grant thought this would represent fairly the number of persons handled. He said, however, that for the dedication crowds his company would do much better.

"We will be able to get our open cars," said he. "This will mean 20 more available. The loops at De Greenville and De Bellevue avenues will be in use. With these I think the Olive and Delmar divisions can operate on a twenty-second schedule, which is three minutes, or 200 persons a minute, or 12,000 an hour."

"Many will come out on the Lacadie and Maryland divisions to see the parade at the Lindell entrance to the park, and will walk out to the Fair site. We can care for 10,000 an hour there. The Chouteau avenue line will serve the same number, and also the new loop which we have put in at Sinker road."

"I think we will be able to afford the transportation. Accidents will, of course, cause us much difficulty if they occur."

The St. Louis Union Avenue line, the Clayton line and the Washburn Railroad will assist in transporting the public.

TWO GIRLS WITH REVOLVERS TERRORIZE JOINTS IN KANSAS.

Bartender Tried to Draw Revolver When the Sisters Covered Him and He Dropped Under the Counter—They Smashed Bottles, Glasses and Windows in Search for Their Brother—Not Arrested by Winfield Authorities.

Winfield, Kas., March 28.—The two daughters of John Osborne of this city, armed with pistols and hatchets, while in search of their brother, Ed Osborne, smashed down doors and destroyed other property at two joints.

They first visited Art Schmidt's place, in North Main street, and, being refused admittance, battered down the front door.

The bartender attempted to draw his revolver, when the sisters promptly covered him with their pistols, and he dropped down behind the counter.

Before leaving the place they smashed a number of bottles and glasses.

At Thomas's place, near by, they smashed a large front window when refused admittance. They were not arrested.

BEST COLLECTION OF GOLD NUGGETS FOR WORLD'S FAIR.

Montana Commissioner Will Make a Novel Exhibit—Virgin Gold Worth a Quarter of a Million, and Will Be Guarded Night and Day in Transit.

Helena, Mont., March 29.—W. G. Conrad of the banking firm of Conrad Bros., who was named by Governor Toole as one of the Honorary Commissioners for Montana at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, has made a most interesting announcement—that he will send what is supposed to be the largest and best collection of gold nuggets in the world to St. Louis for exhibition during the Exposition.

The exhibit is owned by the Conrad Bros. and was formerly the property of the First National Bank in Helena. The collection was purchased by the Conrads from the receiver of the bank several years ago upon the failure of that institution and has since been added to.

The collection was gathered by former Governor Hauser, when president of the First National, and was the result of many years' toil. Even in the days when placer mining was being done in hundreds of

claims throughout the State, the collection was regarded as marvellous. Among the nuggets in the collection is the one found in Nelson Gulch, above Helena, which is said to be the largest single nugget ever found in the Northwest.

The present value of the collection is about \$200,000, if melted down, but in its natural state, as coming from the earth, it is worth much more, a number of the gems being worth several times their weight value because of their peculiar formations.

Mr. Conrad has not yet decided where the collection will be exhibited—in the Montana State building or in the mines and mining structure, but, at any rate, it will prove one of the features of the Exposition and will be carefully guarded day and night from the time it leaves Montana until it returns from St. Louis and Portland, at which latter city it will be exhibited at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905.



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NEW CONCRETE WALK FROM FORSYTH JUNCTION TO WORLD'S FAIR SITE WAS THROGGED ALL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH PEDESTRIANS.